

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OCTOBER TERM, 1902.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1903.

The following correspondence is spread upon the record by direction of the Chief Justice :

“ SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

“ In Chambers,

“ February 23, 1903.

“ DEAR BROTHER SHIRAS :

“ We cannot refrain from the expression of our sincere regret at your retirement from the bench.

“ Some of us have been associated with you during the entire period of your service here, but all alike appreciate the single-mindedness with which you have sought to do equal and exact justice, and the great value of your assistance to the court, and of your contributions to jurisprudence ; and all alike feel for you the deepest affection and regard.

“ We earnestly hope that the personal intercourse with you, we have so much enjoyed, may be continued for many years to come.

“ MELVILLE W. FULLER,

“ JOHN M. HARLAN,

“ DAVID J. BREWER,

“ HENRY B. BROWN,

“ E. D. WHITE,

“ R. W. PECKHAM,

“ JOSEPH MCKENNA,

“ OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.”

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“ SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,

“ WASHINGTON, D. C.

“ MY DEAR CHIEF AND ASSOCIATE JUSTICES :

“ I gratefully acknowledge your kind letter of farewell.

“ I am glad to be thus assured, though indeed I never doubted it,

that, whether I fully performed my judicial duties or not, you all felt that I earnestly endeavored to do so.

“The ten years and upwards that I have spent on the bench have been very pleasant to me, and I quit the court and its labors with much regret. I have much enjoyed my personal intercourse with each and all of you, and hope that, in the few years that are left to me, I shall frequently meet you, and hear from you when we are separated.

“Sincerely your friend,

“GEORGE SHIRAS, JR.

“February 24, 1903.”